

# NEWS BRIEF

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## **CDC Director Warns That Small Gatherings May Be Causing New COVID-19 Cases**

In a recent call with U.S. governors, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Robert Redfield warned that small gatherings are increasingly becoming a source for COVID-19 infections.

Redfield said that, importantly, there is a higher degree of vigilance and mitigation steps in many jurisdictions. However, the spread of infection specifically through small household gatherings is currently an “increasing threat,” as the CDC [reports](#) that many states are seeing increases in COVID-19 cases.

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*The CDC is focusing its attention on small gatherings as experts warn of the potential for a surge in COVID-19 cases over the winter.*

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### **Gathering Over the Holidays**

As the holiday season approaches, Redfield has begun to warn of the impact of small gatherings. Redfield stated, “with Thanksgiving coming up, we think it’s really important to stress the vigilance of these continued mitigation steps in the household setting.”

The CDC mentioned that there are several factors that create various amounts of infection risk at holiday events, including event size and use of

mitigation strategies. In preparation for the holiday season, the organization has provided [considerations](#) for event organizers and attendees. These considerations are intended to supplement any applicable laws, rules and regulations, and are offered to help aid the general public in protection from COVID-19.

